



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Population: Question on Relationship (P-3)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT RELATIONSHIP

- The Department of Agriculture (USDA) uses these data to identify children for possible eligibility in State Children's Health Insurance Programs and Medicaid.
- The USDA also uses these data to determine which areas should receive direct multi-family loan assistance.
- The Department of Education uses these data to allocate funds based on the number of children ages 5 to 17 under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
- Architects, contractors, and real estate firms use these data to design, build, and sell houses and apartments.
- Public utilities and telephone companies use these data to forecast the demand for future services.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT RELATIONSHIP

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Program
- National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

3 How is this person related to Person 1?

☒ Person 1
(Person 1 is the person living or staying here in whose name this house or apartment is owned, being bought, or rented. If there is no such person, start with the name of any adult living or staying here.)

Relationship of Person 2 to Person 1.

<input type="checkbox"/> Husband or wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Roomer, boarder
<input type="checkbox"/> Son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Housemate, roommate
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster child
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative
<input type="checkbox"/> In-law	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other relative	

Relationship of Person 3 to Person 1.

<input type="checkbox"/> Husband or wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Roomer, boarder
<input type="checkbox"/> Son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Housemate, roommate
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster child
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative
<input type="checkbox"/> In-law	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other relative	

Relationship of Person 4 to Person 1.

<input type="checkbox"/> Husband or wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Roomer, boarder
<input type="checkbox"/> Son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Housemate, roommate
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster child
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative
<input type="checkbox"/> In-law	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other relative	

Relationship of Person 5 to Person 1.

<input type="checkbox"/> Husband or wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Roomer, boarder
<input type="checkbox"/> Son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Housemate, roommate
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster child
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative
<input type="checkbox"/> In-law	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other relative	

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HISTORY OF THE RELATIONSHIP QUESTION

- The question on relationship has been asked since 1880.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

Relationship is essential for classifying the population into families and household types. The first group of categories is for people related to the householder— individuals who constitute a family. All others are unrelated individuals. If everyone in a household is unrelated to the householder, it is referred to as a “nonfamily household.” Data collected about relationships involving in-laws are used to measure multi-generational living arrangements.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau’s Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

<<http://factfinder.census.gov>>

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